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Ms. Judy Follett, Clerk
Town of Brooklyn
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Dear Ms. Follett:

I'm writing to inform you of a data entry error made by the Department of Revenue on the Town of Oregon's 2006 equalized value and the impact for the Town of Brooklyn. Let me first apologize for this error and the inconvenience it has caused. We have made changes to our internal processes to ensure that such errors do not occur in the future. I thought it would be helpful to provide information about the error and how the Department of Revenue will correct the overstatement, and the impact upon property owners within the Town of Brooklyn. So, please share this letter with other board or council members.

Due to a keying error, the 2006 equalized value for the Town of Oregon was overstated by \$47 million. The overstatement will cause property owners within the Town to pay more than their correct share of the costs for overlying taxing jurisdictions for 2006. The overlying taxing jurisdictions are the school district, the technical college district, and the county. The Department of Revenue will correct this error in 2007 under the procedure specified in sec. 70.57, Wis. Stats. The correction will decrease the 2007 Town tax bills by the amount that was overpaid for 2006.

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The overstatement also impacts property owners that are outside of the Town of Oregon. Specifically, there will be a correction to the apportionment amongst those property owners who are within the same overlying taxing jurisdictions as the Town of Oregon. One such municipality is the Town of Brooklyn. Property owners within the Town will pay less than their correct share of costs on the 2006 tax bills. The correction in 2007 will cause property owners within the Town to pay slightly more than the correct apportionment of the overlying taxing jurisdictions for 2007. The result is a correct collection of taxes over the two year period.

It is important to note that the scope of the adjustment will be smaller, some much smaller, for jurisdictions other than for the Town of Oregon, but we felt that you should be informed that some adjustment will occur.

We appreciate your patience and regret the problems this error has caused. Should you require any assistance from the department in communicating this issue to your residents, or should you have any other questions, please contact me at (608) 261-5350.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Davis, Director
Bureau of Property Tax